

REMARKS

Reconsideration of the application is requested in view of the amendments to the claims and the remarks presented herein.

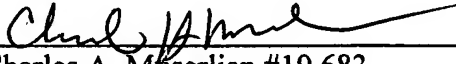
The claims in the application are claims 1 to 9, no other claims having been presented. Claim 8 has been allowed and claim 9 should have been allowed because it is dependent from claim 8. Claim 3 was deemed drawn to allowable subject matter.

Claims 1, 2, 4 to 7 and 9 were rejected under 35 U.S.C 103 as being obvious over the Fisher et al. patent taken in view of the Smith and Linnhoff for reasons of record. The Examiner points out that the N-methylation argued by Applicants was not recited in the claims.

Applicants respectfully traverse this ground of rejection since Claim 1 has been amended to be directed to N-methylation and is now directed to Applicants' distinction over the prior art as set forth in the last response, which remarks are incorporated herein so as not to burden the record. Therefore, withdrawal of this rejection is requested.

In view of the amendments to the claims and the above remarks, it is believed that the claims point out Applicants' invention. Therefore, favorable reconsideration of the application is requested.

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